



**WRRRA Committee Meeting
MONDAY 6 June February 2011
Wilson Community Hall**

Minutes

1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Meeting opened: 7:35 pm.</p> <p>Maurice Winter (as Chairperson) declared the meeting open and welcomed all attending, Geoff Rees (President) acted as Secretary</p> <p>Present: Geoff Rees (President), Rob Marshall (Treasurer), Maurice Winter (Committee), Mayor Delle Donne, Cllr. Lindsay Elliott, Cllr. Graham Barry & Sandra Probert (Member/Visitor).</p> <p>Apologies:), Les Durbin (Secretary), Max Zeller & Cllr. Stephen Boylen</p> <p>Absent: Brian Cornell, Peter Morcombe & Russell Gorton (Committee)</p>
2	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 4 April 2011 were received as a true record on the motion of Rob Marshall, seconded by Maurice Winter.</p>
3	<p>Actions arising from last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ CRRP Dual Use Path/Walk Trail – Geoff advised that WRRRA's preferred route for the dual use path to Kent Street was through Castledare Estate lands direct to the ECCO Centre at Kent Street. The connection of the dual use path from Bow Street through Castledare Estate lands to the existing Fern Road dual use path, which already connects to the Kent Street Weir area via the outer boundaries of the Park, is acceptable as an interim route pending resolution of the State Government's acquisition of the Castledare lands that lie within the boundaries of the Canning River Park.▪ DEC status Surrey Road Walk trail – No change in the status reported in the WRRRA Newsletter Winter Edition.▪ Canning River Pipeline Walkway – Geoff advised that a recent letter had been received from the Minister for the Environment – Water advising that the pipeline support structure across the Canning River could not be easily modified to accommodate a path for pedestrian or cycle access. Also due to the very high pressure within this pipe there would be safety issues associated with building a public access way on top of or adjacent to the pipe.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fire Hazard Kent Street Area – Rob advised that DEC have undertaken to conduct a fuel load assessment of the fire hazards in the Kent Street and other areas where the Park abuts onto public roads / housing areas. Rob to draft a further letter seeking further details about the information the City of Canning has requested from FESA about fire and risk management to householders in close proximity to the Regional Park and the fuel load assessment of the Regional Park by the Department of Conservation. ▪ Kent Street approaches – A letter has been received from the Canning City Council advising that there was no funding available from the 2010/11 budget for watering of the grassed approaches to the Kent Street ECCO Centre / weir area. The Mayor advised that perhaps consideration for irrigation of part of this area could be considered for the next financial year. Rob to draft response letter to Council. ▪ Ted Foreman Awards – It was clarified that, as per the Minutes of the previous meeting, the value of the Citizenship Awards to the Wilson Primary and Rehoboth Christian School is to be \$200.00 for each school. The schools will decide how the moneys will be distributed to 2 or more students. Cllr Elliot suggested, and it was accepted by the Committee, that irrespective of how the Award money was subdivided, these Awards should continue to acknowledge commitment by the recipients to their involvement to their school and community activities ▪ Bus idling adjacent to residential areas - In response to a question from the Chair, Sandra Probert advised that there was no difference in the manner in which the Bus was idled, between 5 to 5.30 a.m, whilst it was parked and cleaned for up to 30 minutes outside of her bedroom window at No 33 Bungaree Road. It was suggested that at this time in the morning the parking and cleaning of the Bus should be relocated to the Bus Stop adjacent to the vacant lot area on the corner of Eureka Street. The Mayor requested that Sandra forward details of her complaint, supported by a statement from WRRRA.(Sandra to forward a note on this issue to the Mayor with copy to WRRRA
4	<p>Councillors' Reports –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student accommodation – Cllr Barry reported that there had recently been an application for Student Accommodation to be built on the corner of Bungaree Road and Leach Highway, which had been rejected by Canning City Council. The Mayor commenting on the recent article which appeared in the West Australian, regarding Curtin University's long term plans to provide High rise accommodation for upwards of 3-5000 students, complete with shopping precinct on the campus, advised this had been proposed previously by the University's Chancellor. However funding was the problem as Independent funding would be required, and that this to date, has not eventuated. Sandra also advised that in her area, there had been no change with regard to the problems associated with street and verge parking as well with rubbish bins at multi-tenant premises. ▪ Verge Clean Up – Geoff reported that whilst there had been an improvement in the dumping of builder's rubbish on the street verges following our last meeting, there currently appears to be a noticeable increase

	<p>in the builder's rubbish being dumped on the verges instead of in designated builder supplied bins. The Mayor promised to investigate the possibility of Canning City Council charging builder/developers a fee/bond for the use of the verge, for the short term storage of materials deliveries and designated rubbish bins. The City is unsure that the provision for and use of these bins were adhered to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rubbish Bin – Sandra reported that the bin previously located on the corner Bungaree/ Eureka Street has been removed. – Cllr. Barry to follow up. ▪ Bus Shelter – Cllr. Barry advised that the Bus Shelter had been provided. However it was noted that WRRRA had received copies of an exchange of e-mails between the City and a ratepayer over the relocation of an old concrete Bus Shelter to the southern side of Fern Road near Upnor Street. ▪ Bywater Way Landing Drain Outlet Grating – Geoff is to check on whether the grating on the outlet of this drain has been reinstated and advise Cllr Barry. ▪ Albany Highway Precinct. Rob asked the Mayor for clarification of the City of Canning's policy and plan's for the car sales yards in Albany Highway, especially now that the Victoria Park Council have stopped approving additional land for car sales yards on Albany Highway. The Mayor and councillors indicated that it was a concern and that it was favourable for the planning of Albany Highway to focus on general retail, hospitality and possibly higher density residential. The Mayor said that the issue, whilst long term, will be acted upon.
5	<p>Tea Break - Tea Break taken after Treasurer's Report.</p>
6	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>A copy of the report attached to minutes and all incoming mail was outlined and/or circulated at the meeting.</p>
7	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rob submitted the report indicating a bank account as of 1 June 2011, was standing at \$2276.64 plus \$ 2000.00 in the Investment Account. Membership was 123. It was noted that 1 advertising invoice, is still outstanding. – Rob advised that new management had taken over the Bendigo Bank and were initially unaware of this commitment. - Rob to follow up and resolve this matter. ▪ Geoff reported he was not comfortable with WRRRA's carry over of an investment account from previous years, and suggested that the Committee consider using this money to provide a public bench seat or Picnic table. Cllr. Elliot suggested that this could be installed at the Riverton Bridge Park area or else where within Wilson. - Geoff to investigate on costs of a park bench. <p>The Mayor and Callers. Elliot and Barry were thanked for attending and left the meeting. at this point</p>

8	<p>Portfolio Reports</p> <p>No discussions were held on portfolio matters, with this time being given over to finalise arrangements and issue of notice for the up coming AGM.</p>
9	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summer Edition Newsletter – Geoff thanked the Committee for the timely preparation the Winter 2011 News Letter items. Sandra, Les and Geoff reporting that distribution to their designated areas had been completed. ▪ Canning River Pollution – Geoff tabled a hand written summary of Garry Stirling’s chronology of reports and the medical advice he has sought to gain relief from the burning sensation experiences in his legs since walking in the shallows of a sand bar in the Canning River in 2007, at Clontarf Bay adjacent to the Centenary land fill site. This Summary was passed out to the committee member present with the request that members read and be prepared to discuss this matter at our next Committee meeting. In brief the information forwarded to WRRRA by Garry comprised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 7 point Plan put forward by Garry in circa 2008/09 on the need for authorities to investigate the possible leaching of potentially harmful chemical contaminants from large land fill sites (landfill Leachates) into adjacent water causes along with a summary of medical problems he experienced over the period of 2007 / 09. • Detailed results of various medical tests under taken by Garry during the past two years are also included. • Advises that Garry has discussed his problems and the results of the medical data he has gained with various State Government bodies including the Canning City but makes no comment on any outcome from these discussions. • A copy of a letter from the Deputy Premier of W. A. Dr Kim Hames (Minister for Health) which is totally non committal and appears to avoid Garry’s problems by advising that samples are frequently taken by the Swan River Trust, in association with the Department of Water taken from the reported site at Clontarf Bay, “to test for contaminants of all sorts” and that this information is then passed on to the public via The Public Health website to help public to decide if it is safe to swim at particular locations. • A copy of a Water Analysis Report Dated 9 April 2008 is also attached to the minister’s letter of 11 Feb 2011. ▪ AGM MEETING Wednesday 6 July 2011 <p>Les has prepared draft letters advising of WRRRA’s AGM, to be distributed to the following by Geoff on or about 15 June: - Canning Times , Canning Examiner and the City of Canning - Invitations to WRRRA Committee, The Mayor, Ward Councillors and City Officers, plus Steve Irons and Bill Johnstone.</p> <p>Rob has agreed to contact Max re mail out of new membership forms to members along with a Reminder of our AGM date.</p>

	<p>Rob -Financial report</p> <p>Other matters including Meeting Agenda etc will be Arranged by Les on his return after 23 June 2011.</p> <p>Nominations for all committee positions should be advised to Geoff by 1 July 2011</p>
10	<p>Next Committee Meeting</p> <p>The next committee Meeting will be held on Monday, 1 August 2011 at 7.30pm at Wilson Community Hall.</p>
<p>There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.</p>	